



**Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee Meeting**  
**Virtual via Zoom Meeting**  
**September 11, 2023**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Members and Alternates Present:** Dr. Christopher Rogers, Dr. Kisha Davis, Susan Emery, Crystal DeVance-Wilson, Dr. Olivia Carter-Pokras, Leslie Graham, Amy Lindsey, Gina Maxham, Kimberley McBride, Nguyen Nguyen, Judi-Lei Hernandez, Jade-Ann Rennie, Diana Saladini, Monique Sanfuentes, Cristina Sasaki, Stephanie Iszard, Jacquelyn Williams, Monika Driver, Eleni Antzoulatos, and Dairy Marroquin.

**Healthy Montgomery Staff:** Elizabeth Beck, Rita Deng, Chunfu Liu, Meghan Sontag, T’Kia Pearson, and Kiera Abdul.

**Guests:** Karen Gutierrez, Muhammad Hasan, Tara Clemons Johnson, Heather Bruskin, Cynthia Baur, Arlee Wallace, Maura Canavan, Jack Ewart, and Devlon Nicole Jackson.

Topic/Presenter	Key Points	Action Item/ Responsible Person
<b>Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introduction of New Member Representatives</b> <i>Ms. Leslie Graham</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.</li> <li>• Ms. Leslie Graham welcomed all attendees and introduced new member representatives:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Susan Emery, Commission on Health</li> <li>○ Judi-Lei Hernandez, Recreation</li> <li>○ Timothy Burns, Public Safety</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Attendance was taken and quorum (50% of membership plus 1) was present.</li> </ul>	
<b>Approval of May 2023 Meeting Minutes</b> <i>Ms. Leslie Graham</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 2023 meeting minutes were sent via meeting invite and in the Zoom chat.</li> <li>• Kimberley McBride motioned to approve meeting minutes; Jacquelyn Williams seconded.</li> <li>• Opened it to discussion, there were no questions, updates, or clarifications on the minutes.</li> <li>• All in favor to approve, none opposed.</li> </ul>	<b>Kimberley McBride motioned to approve minutes with a second from Jacquelyn Williams. Minutes were approved unanimously.</b>
<b>CHNA Discussion, Voting, and Next Steps</b> <i>Dr. Christopher Rogers &amp; Ms. Elizabeth Beck</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CHNA was sent via email by Ms. Elizabeth Beck to the Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee and was also placed in the chat.</li> <li>• Dr. Rogers provided an overview of updates the CHNA has gone through since the first reviews were completed in spring 2023. They include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Updated the significant health need charts to include the following:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Categorization of themes and indicators</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Montgomery County indicator data and trends over time</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Prior to this, the charts only included qualitative themes and quantitative indicators</li> <li>○ Incorporated data on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prenatal and preterm births in NH Black population with late/no prenatal care</li> <li>▪ Infant mortality rate</li> <li>▪ Foster care data in NH Black population</li> <li>▪ Percent population estimates by selected characteristics (e.g., race/ethnicity)</li> <li>▪ High blood pressure prevalence</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Removed stigmatizing language (ex: substance misuse versus substance abuse) – this resource was shared in the chat: <a href="https://nida.nih.gov/nidamed-medical-health-professionals/health-professions-education/words-matter-terms-to-use-avoid-when-talking-about-addiction">https://nida.nih.gov/nidamed-medical-health-professionals/health-professions-education/words-matter-terms-to-use-avoid-when-talking-about-addiction</a> Suggestion was made to add the topic of language to a future agenda so we can discuss further about creating a document specific to DHHS</li> <li>○ Updated the term “minority” to instead reflect “racial and ethnic communities”</li> <li>○ Expanded the resources listed in the chart to potentially meet significant health needs</li> <li>○ Reorganized sections of the report to provide a more seamless and clear review for readers</li> <li>○ Held one on one meetings with members to receive feedback and updates</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Elizabeth Beck refreshed attendees of LHIC responsibilities, including providing oversight and approval of the CHNA.</li> <li>• Ms. Leslie Graham opened the CHNA for discussion before voting. Comments were provided by Dr. Carter-Pokras regarding confusing quantitative trend data. More discussion on this will take place.</li> <li>• Ms. Leslie Graham invited voting members to vote to approve the CHNA. There were no motions to approve.</li> <li>• Group decided to pursue further edits on the document.</li> <li>• Members agreed an electronic vote would be completed to approve and adopt the CHNA. Voting rules will remain the same in order for the vote to pass.</li> <li>• Ms. Elizabeth Beck will follow-up once the vote is ready to take place.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Health Equity Training</b> <i>Ms. Karen Gutierrez</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Karen Gutierrez provided an overview of the Health Equity training that is being offered to Healthy Montgomery on Monday, October 23 from 1-3:30 p.m. at 1401 Rockville Pike. This training is specific for Healthy Montgomery and MAPP Subcommittee members and only focuses on modules 3 and 4 of the training.</li> <li>• For anyone outside of Healthy Montgomery and the MAPP Subcommittee, there is another opportunity to attend the full Health Equity training on September 28 from 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To receive more information regarding either training, please email Ms. Elizabeth Beck at <a href="mailto:elizabeth.beck@montgomerycountymd.gov">elizabeth.beck@montgomerycountymd.gov</a>.</li> </ul>	
<b>Mini Grant Opportunity</b> <i>Ms. T’Kia Pearson</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. T’Kia Pearson provided an overview of a mini grant opportunity through the tobacco program. Additional slides and an overview handout will be provided to members.</li> <li>The available funding ranges from \$10,000-\$30,000 and the programming must target African American, Asian America, or Latino communities. This is a direct funding opportunity.</li> </ul>	
<b>MCDHHS Public Health Officer’s Comments</b> <i>Dr. Kisha Davis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Kisha Davis provided updates surrounding COVID-19, vaccines, and other health concerns in Montgomery County.</li> </ul>	
<b>Discussion of Future Meetings</b> <i>Dr. Leslie Graham</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Leslie Graham opened the meeting to feedback surrounding future meeting structures.</li> <li>Discussion included having an in-person option once a year (potentially consider a full day summit) and offering hybrid options.</li> <li>Discussions will continue with planning for next year. The November meeting will still be held virtually via Zoom.</li> </ul>	
<b>Minority Health Initiatives &amp; Program Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Jacquelyn Williams shared updates on the African American Health Program’s projects and activities.</li> <li>Nguyen Ngyuen shared updates on the Asian American Health initiative’s projects and activities.</li> <li>Dr. Olivia Carter-Pokras shared updates on the Latino Health Initiative’s projects and activities.</li> </ul>	
<b>Hospital Workgroup Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Dairy Marroquin shared updates from the hospital workgroup.</li> </ul>	
<b>Wrap up/Adjourn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The next Healthy Montgomery Steering Committee meeting will be on November 6, 2023 from 3-5 p.m. via Zoom.</li> </ul>	